

School Board Summary/Action Sheet

Date of Meeting: October 22, 2002

A regular meeting of the Portsmouth School Board was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 in the cafeteria of the Mary C. Dondero Elementary School.

PRESENT: Mr. Kent LaPage (Chair), Mr. John Lyons, Jr. (Vice-Chair), Mr. Raimond Bowles, Mrs. Nancy Novelline-Clayburgh, Mrs. Nansi Craig, Mr. Clay Hayward, Mrs. Colleen Montminy, Mr. Carvel Tefft, Mr. Charles Vaughn

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Lyonel B. Tracy (Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Robert J. Lister (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. W. Peter Torrey (Business Administrator), Miss Sarah Sanger (Student Representative), Diane O'Leary McGee (Employee Representative)

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board held a non-public session in the library at Dondero School. This non-public session was held in accordance with RSA 91-A :3 II. (c).

Actions Taken by the Board

Chair LaPage called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mrs. Jill LeMay, Principal of Dondero School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

C. Vaughn moved, seconded by C. Hayward, the minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting be approved. Motion unanimously approved.

C. Montminy moved, seconded by J. Lyons, to accept and place on file a letter from Susan M. Moynahan commending Eric Gagnon for the direction he has given the band program. The motion was amended to send a copy of the letter to Mr. Gagnon. Motion unanimously approved.

P. Torrey reviewed a copy of the October 18, 2002 press release from the Joint Building Committee announcing a construction budget of \$30,050,000 was approved.

The Board received a copy of the 2003-04 budget completion schedule.

C. Vaughn provided information to the Board and administration regarding a presentation by the Junior Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp (JNROTC), with time allowed for statements from opponents of the ROTC.

The Board received information regarding the “No Child Left Behind” Act. Superintendent Tracy said the Board, by request of Vice-Chair Lyons, will receive periodic updates and information concerning this Legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY SESSION

Wayne Blais, from Hutter Construction, presented Mrs. Jill LeMay, Principal of Dondero School, with a clock.

PERSONNEL

(There were no personnel items to come before the Board.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Building Committee – Chair LaPage stated the vote taken by the Joint Building Committee on October 18, 2002 to approve \$30,050,000 for construction of Portsmouth High School was an historic one for the City of Portsmouth.

Policy Committee – J. Lyons moved the Board approve first reading of pages 11 – 15 of Section II, Community Relations, of the policy book (Citizens' Advisory Committees to the Board; School Visits; Participation in Community Life; Political Activities; and Gifts from the Board). C. Hayward seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Torrey provided information to the Board about the "RebuildNH" program to help public and private entities build and renovate facilities to make them more energy efficient.

C. Clayburgh moved, seconded by C. Tefft, to approve a partnership between the Portsmouth School Department and Plymouth State College. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Lyons moved the Board sanction the fundraising activities of PRIAC (Portsmouth Regional Ice Arena Committee) and waive any rental fees based on the benefit to Portsmouth students and residents. N. Clayburgh seconded the motion. The motion passed in an 8-0-1 vote (K. LaPage abstained from voting).

Chair LaPage reminded the Board that the NHSBA (New Hampshire School Boards Association) Delegate Assembly will take place on Saturday, October 26. R. Bowles and C. Tefft will represent the Board.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dr. Dixon Turner, Ms. Nancy Brown (Food Service Director), Ms. Debbie Clark (High School Nurse), Mr. John Stokel (Middle School Principal), and Mr. Rick Gremlitz (High School Principal) addressed the subject of soda and vending machines at the schools. The secondary principals discussed their plans to transition these machines out of the schools.

Chair LaPage stated the annual School Board retreat will be held on Saturday, December 14.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no other business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

WORK SESSION

A work session to discuss the former Clipper Health Center and continuation of services previously provided to students was held. Participating in the work session were representatives from the Clipper Health Board, Seacoast Mental Health and the Foundation for Seacoast Health. The work session was called to order at 8:26 p.m. and was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

LBT/paw